pursuant to which a Common Seniority List (CSL) of SOs was issued on 03.12.1997. On the basis of this CSL, the Select Lists up to the year 1990 have already been issued and the proposal for the years 1991—94 has been sent to the UPSC.

(c) and (d) As per the terms of reference of the Committee of Senior Officers constituted by the Government for restructuring of CSS, the Committee was expected to go into various aspects of the cadre structure of CSS and to suggest remedial measures for removal of stagnation in the service. The Committee has since submitted its report on 28.02.2002. The various recommendations made by the Committee are currently being studied by the Government.

Cases pending with CAT

2022. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of cases pending with the Central Administrative Tribunal has crossed 50,000 as on the 31st December, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken during the last two years to expedite disposal of the cases pending in the CAT and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No Sir. There were 35,671 cases pending in the Central Administrative Tribunal as on 31.12.2001. The pendency has been steadily decreasing since 1999.

(c) The Government does not interfere in the judicial functioning of the Tribunal. However, efforts are made by the Government to fill up the vacant posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members as expeditiously as possible. On account of this and steps taken by the Central Administrative Tribunal itself for expeditious disposal of cases, there has been increase in the rate of disposal of cases in as much as 31,398 cases and 31,953 cases were decided in the years 2000 and 2001 respectively, leaving 35,671 cases pending on 31.12.2001.

The rate of disposal of cases now exceeds the number of cases instituted.

Recommendations of pension reforms committee

2023. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back Government had set up a Pension Reforms Committee to suggest a new pension system for its employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(d) if not, by when the Committee is expected to submit its recommendations; and

(e) whether the new pension system to be recommended by the Committee would be applicable to the existing pensioners also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (e) The High Level Expert Group on New Pension System submitted its report only on 22nd Feburary, 2002. The Group has recommended, *inter-alia*, a scheme that combines contribution from employees and the Union Government on a matching basis, while committing to the employees a defined benfit as pension and a Voluntary Savings Scheme to which an employee may contribute at his option. The implications of the various recommendations are currently being studied. The new pension scheme envisaged in the Report is recommended for the new entrants only.

Charge-sheet to suspended employee

†2024. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.